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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER
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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS. M AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REQUEST, MET WITH GHASSAN
TUEINI, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEBANESE PRESIDENT,
ATHERTON, NOOTER ET AL. WE AGREED TO DEVELOP A PROMPT
RESPONSE TO LEBANON'S RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS WITH A LONGER
RANGE INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED EFFORT TO FOLLOW IN A
SECOND STAGE. I KNOW YOU WILL BE DISTRESSED TO LEARN
THAT IT WAS THE CONSENSUS VIEW THAT BEIRUT PORT
RECONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTS THE MOST IMMEDIATE
AND CRITICAL STEP IN THIS OVERALL EFFORT. WE EXPECT TO
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HAVE A DEFINITIVE PLAN FOR YOUR REVIEW BEFORE TUEINI
RETURNS TO BEIRUT.

DICK PARKER STOPPED BY TO DISCUSS SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES
AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE HAVING WITH MAJOR CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS IN ALGERIA. HE ALSO WANTED ADVICE ON APPROACHING

EXIMBANK FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING ON SOME OF THESE PROJECTS. I EMPHASIZED OUR INTEREST IN DEVELOPING ALGERIA AS A MAJOR GAS PRODUCER FOR THE UNITED STATES AND IN ESTABLISHING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ALGERIA TO SERVE OUR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. I OFFERED TO HELP ON HIS CONTACTS WITH EXIMBANK BUT CAUTIONED THAT THEY ARE IN A VERY CONSERVATIVE MOOD DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION.

LUNCHEON WITH LUKE BATTLE OF COMSAT AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSURE THAT STATE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOLLOWED ON ALL ISSUES INVOLVING FOREIGN POLICY. WE AGREED TO PURSUE THIS THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS.

AMBASSADOR SAXBE CALLED ON ME AND BROUGHT UP TWO TOPICS: AN EXTRADITION CASE WHICH HE FEELS WILL CAUSE SOME BILATERAL PROBLEMS IF NOT RESOLVED IN A WAY THE INDIANS WISH, AND POTENTIAL INDIAN REACTION TO THE POSSIBLE SALE OF A-7'S TO PAKISTAN.

NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT CAME IN TO INQUIRE ABOUT OUR FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC, CANADA, AND THE SOVIETS. HE EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S EARNEST HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO A SECTOR APPROACH IN THE BERING SEA WHEN WE FIX THE MARITIME BOUNDARY WITH THE SOVIETS SINCE THIS WOULD LEAD TO A SOVIET EFFORT TO IMPOSE THAT APPROACH, AS OPPOSED TO AN EQUI-DISTANT LINE, IN FIXING THE SOVIET-NORWEGIAN
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BOUNDARY IN THE BARENTS SEA. I ALSO REVIEWED OUR CURRENT THINKING ON CIEC, A POSSIBLE OIL PRICE INCREASE AND IEA MATTERS FOR SOMMERFELT.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED D PRINCIPALS/ REGIONAL MEETING; PARTICIPATED IN YOUR MEETING ON AFRICA; WILL ATTEND DINNER BY AMBASSADOR GHORBAL FOR SENATOR MANSFIELD.

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P - MR HABIB

OUR AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA, DICK PARKER, CAME BY FOR A BRIEF CALL IN WHICH WE REVIEWED RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

MONROE LEIGH AND I MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAWYER IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO

IMPROPER ROKG ACTIVITIES HERE TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. WE WILL BE GETTING A MEMO TO YOU SHORTLY ON THIS.

I ALSO ATTENDED SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S STAG LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF CANADIAN DEFENSE MINISTER DANSON.

E - ROGERS

CONSUMERS - MET WITH JOAN BRADEN AND VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY, INTERNATIONAL PROJECT ON HOW TO IMPROVE OUR CONSUMER REPRESENTATION PROCEDURES. THEY ARE MOST INTERESTED IN (1) ADVANCE NOTICE IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS WHICH CAN AFFECT CONSUMERS IN THEIR POCKET BOOKS, AND (2) SOMEWHAT REASONED ANALYSES OF CONSUMER IMPACT OF THE THINGS THE DEPARTMENT DOES AFTER THE FACT. WE ARE WORKING UP
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SOME PROPOSALS.

PORTUGAL -- MONITORED THE TALKS WITH THE PORTUGUESE, WHICH HAVE BEEN LESS DECISIVE THAN WE ANTICIPATED THEY WOULD BE. MORE TOMORROW, BUT THE LINES ARE NOT DRAWN IN ANY CONFRONTATIONAL FASHION SO FAR, AND THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES FOR JIGGERING THE PROPOSAL IN WAYS WHICH MIGHT MEET THE PORTUGUESE QUALMS ABOUT SELLING THEIR OWN GOLD.

OPEC - WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE TO FALL, MOST OF THE DAY. I HAD DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR, WHO THANKS YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING; I THANKED HIM AND HIS KING FOR THEIR STATESMANSHIP. BUT HE WAS AS IGNORANT AS THE REST OF US ABOUT HOW IT WOULD ALL COME OUT.

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JORDAN

AFTER CHUCK ROBINSON'S LARGE STAFF MEETING, I MET WITH GENERAL JAMES THOMPSON (DOD/ISA) TO DISCUSS THE INCORPORATION OF OSD AND JCS VIEWS IN OUR CURRENT STUDY OF ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND PRACTICES. THE JCS HAS GIVEN THOMPSON THEIR PROXY FOR NOW, AND HE IS BEING MOST COOPERATIVE.

I DISCUSSED VARIOUS MEANS OF GETTING A BETTER HANDLE ON THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OF END-ITEMS AND TECHNOLOGY WITH JACK SHAW (IGA). SHAW, WHO IS

LEADING THE STUDY OF ARMS TRANSFER PRACTICES, WILL FOCUS PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON THIS PROBLEM IN HIS FORTHCOMING REPORT.

I DISCUSSED PENDING NSSMS AND NSDMS ON ARMS TRANSFER MATTERS WITH PLOWDEN OF THE NSC STAFF. HE REPORTS

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THAT THE PRESIDENT SIGNED OFF TODAY ON THE MAAG NSSM; HE CHOSE THE COMPROMISE STATE-DEFENSE POSITION ESSENTIALLY ALONG THE LINES OF THE ORIGINAL STATE POSITION, RATHER THAN THE MUCH LOWER NUMBERS WHICH OMB SUPPORTED.

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